



March 25, 2009

Lorrac Craig, Sheriff
Trinity County
101 Memorial Drive
Weaverville, CA 96093

RE: GCA - 08

Dear Sheriff Craig:

Please accept this letter from the BlueRibbon Coalition, a national trail group, as indication of **potential support** for your 2008/09 Law Enforcement Grant.

As you know, BRC supports law enforcement grants that are part of a holistic vision for managed OHV recreation in the patrol area. BRC believes the grant's narrative is heavy on issuing citations for illegal riding in closed areas with little or no mention of your critical role as first responder to OHV/OSV accidents or doing search and rescue.

BRC understands the Shasta-Trinity National Forest does not have a managed OHV recreation program to speak of as evidenced by the fact the Forest did not submit a Ground Operations grant. As such BRC is concerned that formal OHV-related communications between the Forest Service and the Sheriff's Office may not up to standard. BRC also believes the grant amount should be commensurate with, or on scale to, other county LE programs with similar patrol areas and designated legal motorized opportunities.

Before BRC can support this grant, we would like to be assured that a formal OHV-related agreement/MOI/action plan exists between the Forest Service and your office.

BRC believes that access to, and support for, legal OHV opportunity should be incorporated into any law enforcement proposal and the agency understands that legal OHV opportunity should be considered as a law enforcement tool as well.

BRC thanks your office for allowing us to comment.

Sincerely,

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